

**TOWN OF HULL
ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: 3/14/22

Meeting Start: 7:06pm

Adjourn: 10:55 pm

Member	Present	Absent	Other
David Clinton	X		Phil Lemnios (PL)
Jay Polito	X		John Dunne
Dan Sullivan	X		Lisa Thornton
Chad Wolfe	X		Kurt Bornheim
Bob Carney		X	
Jason Frady	X		
Pat Cormier	X		
Stephen Kiley	X		
Peter Larsen	X		
Robyn Healy	X		

Exhibits	Description
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Town Manager Update

The 2.2 million dollar state grant for the Pemberton pump station has been confirmed.

Subjects of discussion:

Lisa Thornton from the Council on Aging presented her budget details.

She identified the most immediate needs as :

1. Engagement for the elderly participants through socialization, exercise programs, etc. She reports multiplicative increases in the exercise program participation, rising from 3 to 6 to 18 per week presently.
2. Continuation of meals deliveries which average 35-50 per week.
3. The providing of rides. She highlighted a program in Wellesley whereby residents volunteer to take Seniors to their destinations and she believes that that might be a model for Hull.

Chad Wolfe asked her opinion on a town meeting article that proposes a \$20,000 expenditure to study more sites for senior services. Phil Lemnios responded that the article didn't limit it's scope to senior services only.

Jason Frady added that seniors expectations could be built into playground design, gym activities, etc. that would add to services without the need for more building.

John Dunne, the chief of police announced that a new labor contract was complete but that changes in the requirements by the state for even seasonal police officers would mean the elimination of seasonal officers for Hull this year.

Partly due to the same requirements for new officers, our benefits costs for new officers are down because They are not considered full time until certain requirements are met but, they can still serve.

Holiday pay is up because a new holiday has been added to mandated pay.

Bachelor degree credits are up meaning that the payroll automatically goes up due to mandated compensation increases based on education credits.

Steve Kiley asked why holiday pay seemed to increase disproportionately. John Dunne will check with Mike Buckley the town accountant.

Peter Larsen asked if the police command center has any outstanding needs. John Dunne replied that overall the Building was in good shape and that whatever code violations may be technically observed, they have been Allowed due to “grandfather” exigencies.

In response to a question about firearm expense, John Dunne said that due to a firearm turn in program, the Credits the town has received have reduced our per unit firearm expense to near \$100.

A question as to how the collaborative responsibility for an animal control officer between Hull, Hingham and Cohasset was working, revealed that Hull had the greater need for animal control, especially due to summer activity on the beach, but Hingham and Cohasset want to raise the salary level beyond that which Hull wants to pay, so Hull will go it alone this year creating a “hybrid” position for a regular officer. The expectation is that the cost will net out to about \$23/hr. for the hybrid position.

Kurt Bornheim presented the Harbormaster Department budget. He wants to hire more on the water personnel To handle the tasks of regular patrols and pump outs as he finds that administering the new mooring registration system is consuming upwards of 15 hours per week. He also cited higher mooring charges related to the placement and repair of navigational aids. A \$245,000 grant has been obtained for the engineering of the future dredging of the harbor around Steamboat Wharf so that when the project commences it will be shovel ready.

Dan Sullivan questioned the consistency of the pump out schedule in 2021 and the accurate accounting of mooring registrations citing both personal and other mooring holder reports. Kurt Bornheim and Phil Lemnios claimed a 90% accuracy in the receipt of mooring registration fees.

No minutes reviewed.

Motion to adjourn at 10:55

Member	Motion	Second	For	Against	Abstain
David Clinton			X		
Jay Polito	X		X		
Dan Sullivan			X		
Chad Wolfe			X		
Bob Carney					
Peter Larsen			X		
Robyn Healey			X		
Jason Frady		X	X		
Pat Cormier			X		
Steven Kiley			X		

Motion approved 9-0